Remarks/Arguments

Arrangement of the Specification

The specification has been corrected to add the headings as suggested by the

Examiner.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a

multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claims. The

applicant amends claim 6 in the present response to remove the multiple dependency.

Claim 3 is objected to for the following minor informalities: "a saddle" should be "the

saddle" since "a saddle" was introduced in claim 1. The applicant amends claim 3 in the

present response to correct the antecedent basis by changing "a saddle" to "the saddle".

35 USC §102

Claims 1-5 are rejected by the examiner and claim 6 is objected to. Claims 1-4 were

rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Diotte, U.S. Patent

5,324,174 ("the '174 Patent").

Regarding claim 1, the Examiner refers the applicant to the "air connector 44" in the

'174 Patent as anticipating the "foldable foot stand" recited in claim 1, and the "elongate

flexible hose 42" in the '174 Patent as anticipating the retractable air hose recited in claim 1.

The applicant respectfully asserts that the features identified by the Examiner to not appear to

teach a foldable foot stand and a retractable air hose. Nevertheless, the applicant has amended

claim 1 to recite, "and wherein the foot stand can be unfolded for use and can be folded away

when no longer required, and wherein the retractable air hose is retractable back into a storage

position within the pump" in order to clarify that the retractable air hose is retractable back

into the storage position within the pump when the foldable foot stand is folded away.

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(Underscore indicating additions) (Claim 1) Support for this amendment is found at least on

page 2 lines 23 and 27, at page 3 lines 1-3, and in the first paragraph of page 5.

This ability to slide the retractable air hose back into a storage position within the

pump (page 5 lines 5-8) and the ability to retain the hose in a protected storage position when

the foot stand is folded away has the advantage that the connector 112 will not be shaken

loose from the pump by the vibrations that are experienced during normal use of a cycle and

the tube 113 is protected when not in use. Furthermore there is no requirement for separate

covers or containers and the pump can make full use of the available space within the cycle

frame. That is, if an air hose and connector extend beyond the dimensions of a pump when

the pump is incorporated into the frame of a cycle, this leaves less room for the pump itself;

and a shorter length pump necessarily makes the objective providing a pump that can provide

high volumes of air on each stroke (page 2 lines 6-9) harder to achieve. The protected,

retractable hair hose of the present invention address this problem. Withdrawal of the 102(b)

rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and so contain each of its limitations. For at least the

reasons stated above for claim 1, the applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims

2-6.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to

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Respectfully submitted,

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